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DESTRUCTION.

Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed by the Flood in the South.

AMOUNT OF ACREAGE UNDER WATER

Reaches 15,800 Square Miles Consisting of 39,500 Farms—Produced Last Year \$17,120,000 Worth of Cotton, Corn and Oats.

Washington, April 12.—A statement relative to the agricultural interests of the submerged districts of the Mississippi Valley south of Cairo, Ill., has been issued by the department of agriculture. It is based upon a chart prepared under the direction of the chief of the weather bureau, showing the extent of the flood on April 6. To this chart the department has applied the crop statistics of 1896, as representing more closely than any other available data the acreage and value of the crops of 1897, now in jeopardy. The statistics of population, of the number and acreage of farms and of the value of farms and farm implements are those of the census, and the statistics of live stock are the department's own figures for January 1, 1897.

The total area under water on April 6 was 15,800 square miles, of which 7900 square miles were in Mississippi, 4500 square miles in Arkansas, 1750 square miles in Missouri, 1200 in Tennessee and 450 in Louisiana. This region contained in 1890, so far as can be determined, in view of the somewhat indefinite boundary lines of the flood, a population of 379,685, of which 186,483, or about one-half, were in Mississippi, 100,235 in Arkansas, and the remainder almost equally divided between Missouri and Tennessee. Taking the entire region the negroes outnumbered the whites in the proportion of 12 to 7, the colored predominating in the flooded districts of Mississippi in the ratio of more than 3 to 1, and of Arkansas in that of 3 to 1. In Missouri and Tennessee the population of the flooded districts is largely white, in the former state in the proportion of 10 to 1, and in the latter in that of 2 to 1.

Acreage Under Water.
The flooded districts contain, it is estimated, about 39,500 farms, of which about 18,500 are in Mississippi, nearly 10,000 in Arkansas and a like number about equally divided between Missouri and Tennessee. These farms contain a total area of about 3,800,000 acres, one-half of which is in Mississippi, and rather over one-fourth in Arkansas, the proportions in Missouri and Tennessee being about the same as in the case of the number of farms. The total value of these farms with their improvements, farm implements, etc., is close upon \$65,000,000, and here also, the proportions in the different states are about the same as above noted.

HOT ON ALTGELD'S TRAIL.
Stockholders of Globe Savings Talk of Lynching and Penitentiary.

The total number of acres improved at the taking of the last census was about 2,000,000 and about 1,500,000 acres were last year devoted to cotton and corn, to which crops nearly 95 per cent of the entire acreage cultivated is devoted. The live stock on hand the 1st of January of the present year was valued at over \$7,000,000, divided in very much the same proportions as other farm property. It is estimated that the crops of last year, over \$3,750,000 worth, remained on hand in the submerged region on the last of the month, cotton representing about two-thirds of this amount and corn practically all the remainder. The largest interests at stake so far are those of the state of Mississippi whose flooded districts represent an invested capital in agriculture alone of close upon \$48,000,000. Over 18,000 farms, containing 2,000,000 acres of land, of an average value of about \$18 an acre, are under water in the country lying between the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers, including some of the most productive lands of the state. Their live stock, even at the present low prices, is worth nearly \$3,500,000, and the farmers and planters are estimated to have about \$3,000,000 worth of the crops of last year still on hand.

An executive committee was appointed to direct legal proceedings.

Ex-Governor Altgeld was frequently denounced, and cries of "Lynch him!" "Send him to the penitentiary with Spalding and rest of the gang," came from all parts of the room.

Resolutions were adopted calling the attention of the general assembly to the large number of bank failures that have occurred within the state during the last few months, and urging legislation for the establishment of a state banking department, to have supervision over all banking institutions in the state, and urging also the enactment of more stringent criminal laws for the punishment of defaulting bankers.

The counsel for the depositors will appear in court, to institute criminal proceedings against the bank officials.

Irish Tourist KILLED.

Valparaiso, Ind., April 13.—James Phillips, aged 30 years, a tourist and prominent business man of Guilford, Wayne county, Ireland, died here yesterday from injuries received Saturday night by falling under the wheels of a Grand Trunk train in attempting to alight at this station while the train was in motion. Both his legs were crushed, and his body terribly mangled. He was on route to Ireland via New York, having traveled through the southern and western states en route.

Bismarck Better.

Friedrichsruh, April 12.—Bismarck

Tennessee is not far behind Missouri in the extent of its imperiled interests, the number and acreage of the submerged farms being very nearly the same, and the entire value, including \$1,250,000 for live stock and \$400,000 for crops on hand, being over \$8,500,000.

What effect the flood will have upon the crops of the present season depends upon its duration and the practicability of planting after the subsidence of the flood.

The entire region under water on April 6 produced last year about 375,000 bales of cotton, valued at close on \$18,000,000; over 11,000,000 bushels of corn, worth about \$3,400,000, and wheat, oats, potatoes and hay worth over \$800,000 more. The most valuable portion of these crops was raised in Mississippi, whose region now submerged produced nearly 250,000 bales of cotton, besides other products, mostly for local consumption.

GHASTLY DISCOVERY.

Tragedy Committed Near Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mount Vernon, Ill., April 12.—Boys passing through some woodland on the Voleney Osborne farm, five miles northwest of this city Saturday afternoon, found a woman's head lying near the public road leading from Mount Vernon to Richview. They reported their discovery and a party was organized for a search for the body. This was found about 200 yards from the spot where the head lay, with the flesh stripped from the bones, both the trunk and head being so badly decomposed as to render recognition impossible.

Deputy Coroner C. C. Satterfield was notified, and with State's Attorney W. C. Blatt this morning held an inquest on the remains. The testimony went to prove that the body was that of a woman who was in that locality early last November. She was apparently about 40 years of age, rather under medium height, with black hair, was dressed in a dark suit, with light-colored jacket, and wore a black straw hat. She appeared in that locality about the 1st of last November, and stayed in the neighborhood two or three days. She refused to divulge her name, but said her home was in Carmel, Ill., and that she was going on foot to St. Louis. The last seen of her was when she left the Osborne residence, taking the road upon which the body was found yesterday. The Coroner's jury, after hearing the evidence of a large number of witnesses, rendered a verdict that the woman came to her death from causes unknown to the jury.

A man who passed the woman shortly after she had entered the wood, about a quarter of a mile further on, encountered a hoop-pole cutter, to whom he mentioned the fact of the woman's approach. The pole cutter said he would take her in his wagon, as he was going to his home, which was in the direction the woman was traveling. They were never seen together, but the theory is that another Pearl Bryan tragedy has been committed, and there is considerable excitement in the locality. It is said a suspected party left the country about the date of the woman's disappearance.

FROM THE FRONT.

Greek Insurgents Said to be Advancing Without Opposition.

Trikala, Thessaly, April 12.—At mid-

night the insurgents plan was to occupy Thalatino on the Macedonian frontier to prevent the Turks from taking a more advanced position. As soon as they crossed the leaders issued a proclamation calling on the Macedonians and the Epirotes to rise for freedom. An unconfirmed rumor says the insurgents are continuing to advance and an unchecked by the Turks.

BRAZED BRYAN REACHES WASHINGTON.

Washington, April 12.—Wm. J. Bryan returned today from Florida. He is still suffering from the accident at St. Augustine and is considerably bruised. The worst injury is in his left side which pains him greatly when moving.

Indiana Prisoners Transferred.

Michigan City, Ind., April 12.—Probably the largest transfer of prison convicts which ever took place in this country was carried out today. Two hundred and ninety-one prisoners from Michigan City prison were put on a special Monon train and taken to Jeffersonville, while from the latter place 356 prisoners were sent here. The cause of this wholesale transfer is due to the fact that the state legislature at its last session passed a law converting the southern penitentiary into a reformatory and making Michigan City prison the regular penitentiary for the state.

Special preparations were made to insure the safe transfer of the prisoners both ways. Before loading them on the trains every prisoner had shackles riveted upon his legs; they were then placed in cars with enough guards to look after them and the cars locked. The Monon road gave these trains the right of way and had every inch of track and bridges inspected immediately before the time for the trains to pass and had the switches spiked down for the purpose of insuring against accident. No stops were made except to change engines and for water. A company of state militia also accompanied each train.

A FATAL DUEL.

Two St. Louis Men Fight in a Saloon This Morning and One was Killed.

St. Louis, April 12.—As a result of a duel with pistols between John Swering, Republican politician, and ex-Deputy City Marshal Henry Erb, in a saloon, shortly after midnight this morning, Swering lies dead at the hospital. Bad blood had existed between the men for some time, culminating in a quarrel over politics and

LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Orders for a Turkish Advance Temporarily Suspended—Turks are After Larissa.

TURKS' COMMUNICATION THREATENED

Bryan Returns to Washington Badly Bruised—Indiana State Prisoners Transferred—Fatal Duel in St. Louis—Starvation in China.

Constantinople, April 12.—Turkey informed the powers Saturday that in consequence of the Greek invasion of Macedonia, Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, is marching on the Greek headquarters at Larissa. According to the latest authentic information, however, the Turkish army had not started, and it is supposed that at the last moment the orders to advance were countermanded. Nevertheless Turkey seems intent to seize and hold Larissa until the Greeks have evacuated Crete. It is pointed out that Krania, a town in Macedonia, believed to be in the hands of the Greek insurgents, is an important strategic position, threatening the communication with the Turkish headquarters in Albina, with Janina.

TURKS BESIEGED.

Greeks Escape from the Turks by Cutting Through the Lines.

London, April 12.—A dispatch from Trikala says the Turkish garrison at Batin numbering 800 were besieged by the Greek insurgents and cut off their way out with a loss of thirty killed. The fighting was stubborn. Only one-fourth of those who made the attempt were able to issue from the barracks. The insurgents continued their march into Macedonia and captured Krania, and pursued the Turks close to Cipria, only two hours from Grevena. Throughout these operations the insurgents lost only three killed and four wounded. It is reported that a Turkish frontier detachment fired on and killed a Greek soldier and a peasant carrying dispatches to Galcolivri.

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NO MATCH FOR UNCLE SAM.

He Could Meet Any Army Ever Mustered in Ancient Times.

Man for Man, No Odds Asked—Xerxes Outnumbered—National Guard Alone Could Whip Alexander with His Own Weapons.

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Now that Greece has drawn her little blade and threatens to make terrible discord in what is called the "concert of Europe," many parallels are being drawn between her present attitude of defiance to the world and that wont to be assumed by the stalwart sons of ancient Greece when the dogs of war were unleashed. It stirs the heart of the modern Greek to hear himself referred to as a descendant of men who, with sword and spear, built up one of the mightiest military powers of ancient days. History may repeat itself, says the Greek of to-day, as he prepares to throw away the scabbard, and the world, always admiring pluck, applauds and turns to its ancient history for more parallels to suit the situation.

Americans being far out of earshot of discords in Europe's concert, and possessing judgments unwarped by any constitutional reverence for ancient history, can make comparisons and draw parallels that come very much nearer the bull's eye than those now being made and drawn in the old world. It may seem cruel to reduce to shavings the stories concerning the mighty armies that conquered worlds in the days of Greece's pride, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that no army was ever marshalled for war during the period preceding the Christian era that could not have been scattered like chaff before a Nebraska cyclone had it been attacked by a force such as the United States, to say nothing of the great European powers, could put into the field to-day—and this on even terms, irrespective of any changes in the mode of warfare.

Much that has been written concerning the great mass of fighting men that met in old-time battles is greatly exaggerated, though it has been handed down as history. Even if the

based on data supplied by the war department, shows that America to-day has available for service in the cause of the country no fewer than 10,149,500 men. These are not all trained soldiers, any more than were the hordes of Xerxes. It is safe to say, however, that at least half this number know how to handle a rifle and have at some time learned how to respond to military orders. Some were taught the goose step in the Kaiser's army; others were inscribed in France, Italy or Austria, or served the czar and smelled powder in the Russo-Turkish war; while others wear medals won in one or another of Britain's ceaseless scrimmages. So that if it came to reckoning camp followers and fighters together, Uncle Sam could annihilate Xerxes and his resurrected warriors by opposing 10,000,000 to 5,000,000; while, separating rabble from soldiers on both sides, the proportion in favor of the Americans would be about four to one, in the shape of 5,000,000 of fighters to the 1,200,000 moderately effective men under the Persian monarch—a crushing disparity that would cause Xerxes to regret having summoned his army from the quietness and seclusion of the grave.

So much for the finest army of ancient days. But a most interesting comparison can be drawn by taking the actual modern fighting force of America on a flying trip back through a few thousand years of time and landing them—say—in the year 333 B. C. There would be no force of trained fighters even in that fighting age that could stand up before our army without the certainty of defeat, for the warriors of America would outnumber by three to one the army that was able to conquer nearly the whole of the then civilized world—the invincible army of Alexander the Great. This army of Alexander numbered scarcely 50,000 men. At Issus, B. C. 333, Alexander, at the head of this force, is said to have met and defeated a Persian army of 60,000. In 331 B. C., at the battle of Arbela, he defeated another Persian army of 60,000. In 334 B. C., with a considerably smaller force, he had defeated 40,000 Persian and Greek mercenaries at Granicus. These three battles practically brought Persia to Alexander's feet and made him absolute master of the ancient



A woman's happiest fancies may come true if they are not all destroyed by ill-health; sickness is the touch at which happiness bursts like a bubble. A sick woman cannot be a happy wife or mother. More marriages and homes are wrecked by the wife's physical weakness than by any other one cause.

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ELLEN OSBORN'S LETTER.

Novelties Prepared for Women's Wear This Spring.

Shown by Paris Modistes—New Colors for New Gowns—A Street Dress That Will Reign for Some Months—Evening Costumes Seen.

(Copyright, 1897.)

Paris.—The coat and skirt suit for the coming summer differs from last year's, in other points, in the small amount of shirt front displayed. A new example which illustrates a cut that promises to be very successful is of China blue and white chevron in hair line stripes with a shot blue and white silk lining. The skirt is untrimmed except down the middle plait in the back, where from waist to hem are set cross rows of narrow dark blue braid fastened with small silver buttons at either end. The coat is long enough to come well down upon the hips; it is close-fitting in the back and half-tight at the sides, with straight fronts that turn back at the neck in a narrow flat collar and small revers. The sleeves are close-fitting. The double-breasted waistcoat of tan pique is spotted with red and blue buttons almost to the throat, and the small triangle of shirt is nearly hidden under a rather large cravat, spotted white and blue. The collar is higher than last year's; closer it could not be.

Plum color will remain in favor throughout the spring. Some very pretty reddish violet and purple shades appear in the new materials, with a large amount of mauve. Gray and orange is a favorite combination, as well as gray, orange and blue. Light green is perhaps the most fashionable spring color; it is used by itself, in stripes with dark or light blue, and in odd combinations with red and brown. Fawn color, green and yellow is another combination. Red and blue plaids are making a struggle to assert themselves and are sometimes very attractive in soft shades.

Woolen brocades are in higher favor than for some years, not for warmth's sake, but to give color and variety to a dress which might otherwise have a silk bodice or blouse, if these did not now require genius to keep them from getting wearisome by iteration. A soft, pale green wool shirt, for example, is trimmed with a flat band of black, after the nature of a tuck, near the hem, and is worn with a bodice of blue and dark green woolen brocade,

scarves draped across the shoulders of princess dresses and allowed to fall to the ground in front are the most graceful of all recent innovations in trimming. The empire gown and the Louis XV. models show no signs of relaxing their grip upon popularity.

If I were to cite any one style of street dress at once novel and safe for a reign of some months' favor it might easily be a soft plaid cloth in fawn and red with which I had an interview this morning. This costume had a round skirt of panels and plaits, with little frogs in dark green and black catching panel to panel. The bodice was a silk blouse matching the cloth of the skirt in colors and plaidings and worn under an odd bolero of fawn cloth, which was the prettiest item of the toilet, with its tight sleeves flaring slightly at the wrists and having puffed epaulets of the silk to help out the shoulders. Large triangular revers faced with green and braided with gold turned back from the front and gave a little touch of piquancy. The belt and neck finishings were of green silk, and the accompanying hat was a small, round affair of green straw with trimmings of red roses and black plumes.

It is not an easy matter to give any semblance of originality to the bolero, but it can be done. Some of the newest are hollowed out in the middle of the back in a deep heart-shaped pattern. A pretty canvas dress checked in dark blue and white with a hair line of green has a bolero of this shape braided about with black and short enough behind to make the folded belt of dark blue silk almost a corset. In front it opens upon a green canvas waistcoat braided with black with black and short enough behind to make the folded belt of dark blue silk almost a corset. In front it opens upon a green canvas waistcoat braided with black.

The skirt is of plain dark blue. A pretty evening dress, the forerunner of many to be prepared for the festivities after Easter, is of pink lisette draped over pink satin. The low square-cut bodice is finished about the decolletage with lace sewn with pearls and emeralds. Narrow frills of lisette frame the shoulders and make nests for the rosebuds grouped upon the left shoulder. The skirt is trimmed with grouped frills, from the lowest of which falls a deep flounce set on in curves. The lisette sleeves are swathed closely about the arms and are headed by lace epaulets.

A very rich evening gown of green satin brocaded with silver is cut after the princess model, with low heart-shaped bodice and train. A long scarf of old lace thrown about the shoulders is caught above the arms with diamond butterflies and falls on either side of the front to the ground.

For a younger woman is a dancing



SPRING MODELS FROM PARIS.

made with pretty cape-like revers, edged with a black band, like that upon the skirt, giving the effect of a light wrap for spring wear. Conforming with this idea the bodice has narrow basques showing below the belt in jacket style.

A few of the spring dresses are made with the polonaise. That this style, which has been heralded for months, is really here there can now be no question. Whether or not it will find any large amount of favor is another matter. For the present it is tentative, experimental. The most successful attempt I have seen in this direction is a dress worn by Jane Hading on the stage of the Gymnasium. It was a cream-colored chine silk striped with pink and sparkling with silver thread. An ornamented panel upon the front of the skirt was of white grenadine caught with fan plattings of lace over pink. A ruff of coquille plattings of lace, with a rose bud in the middle of every shell, ran about the hem, except across the front panel. The polonaise was of pale pink chine silk striped with cream and threaded as before with silver. It was made low in the neck and with a trim-fitting bodice opening over the bust in brace-like revers to show the under bodice of white grenadine like the skirt panel. Below the narrow belt of pink velvet the draperies of the polonaise fell in full and graceful lines almost the skirt length, but with difference enough to emphasize the meaning of the lemnure. The decolletage was edged with coquille frills, which also made the short sleeves. The polonaise was finished off about with a narrow gold galon.

As to skirts, those for evening wear in the Easter season have very full and very deep flounces for trimmings. These are not set on straight, but fall from a ruche which describes a shallow downward curve in front and an up curve behind, so that, with the help of a slight train, a flounce may easily be twice as wide in the back as across the knees. The effect sought is a peculiar sweep of the drapery, which is fashion's dernier cri. Ball gowns have clustered frills of lace or gauze at the hem. Reception dresses in heavy materials are trimmed profusely with rich gold and silver galons and with jeweled embroideries. These are lavished on the bodice especially, the front of which becomes stiff with its incrustation of turquoise and steel, or pearls and emeralds. The long gauze or lace

frills at the bottom.

It had happened at a volunteer shooting match, and Blank and I were almost neck and neck for the first prize. He was one bull's-eye ahead of me, and my only chance was to make a draw of it. I was a better shot than Blank, but he had made a couple of flukes, while I had made one bad miss. He got ready to fire his last shot, and I could tell by the smirk on his face that he didn't mean to miss. I crouched down behind a furze bush, and, raising my rifle, waited till Blank pulled his trigger. Just as I saw the puff of smoke dart from his gun I glanced down the barrel of my rifle, fired and struck Blank's bullet before it reached the target, knocking it aside. No one noticed me, and when the flag went up and showed a miss, didn't my rival tear his hair! Then I calmly made a bull's-eye, and shared the stakes.

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WASHING WORSTED ARTICLES.

How to Dry Garments So They Will Retain Their Shape.

The best way to clean articles knit or crocheted of zephyr or other light wools is to rub them in fine flour, using exactly the same motions as if water were used. First, immerse the article in the flour, then gently rub it between the hands, still in the flour. Take it up again, lift it out of the flour again and again, until the flour begins to be very dark and grainy in appearance. Finally shake out all the flour, taking the worsted out doors to prevent the dust from settling in the house. Hang the articles on the clothes line and gently whip out any dust that remains. Let them hang on the line for some time on a clear day, and when they are brought in they should be perfectly clean. Soiled white mittens may be made snowy white by this process. Great care must be taken to remove all the flour after washing.

Knitted underwear which is worn next the skin, and from which the stains of perspiration must be removed, cannot be cleansed in this way, but must be washed with water. For this purpose make a lukewarm suds of melted soap and water. Add two tablespoonsfuls of ammonia to every two gallons of the water used, if the water is hard. Soak the garments repeatedly in this suds. Scrub the soiled spots where perspiration has stained the garment with a little brush. When the garments seem clean rinse them repeatedly in lukewarm water softened by ammonia. When they are free from soapsuds and feel soft, squeeze out all the water you can with your hands. Do not wring them in a spiral way any more than you can help. Put them on wooden forms the exact size and shape of the garments. Button them on and set the forms indoors and in a warm room for the undergarments to dry as rapidly as possible. These forms for drying flannel may be readily made at home of strips of wood, which outline the proper shape and form. They are composed of two halves, which are united by canvas tapes, so that they may be folded against one another while the garment is being slipped on. They are then straightened out, stretching the garment into shape. Flannel underwear dried in this way does not shrink in washing.

HIS APOLOGY WAS WASTED.

An instance Wherein Politeness Was Not Called For.

An incident which happened on a north-bound Wabash avenue car the other day brought a smile to the faces of the few passengers who were privileged to witness it. As the ridiculous features of the case developed the smile grew to a hearty laugh.

Among the passengers who boarded the car long before it reached Twelfth street was an old gentleman who rode on the front platform, smoking a cigar. His hand carried a cane in one hand; though there was nothing in his personal appearance to indicate that he needed it as an aid in walking.

The platform on which the old gentleman stood contained half a dozen other passengers, who were also indulging in the luxury of a smoke. One of them was crowded over against the wire guard which the company considerably puts on the side of the car nearest the track on which the cars are going in an opposite direction to prevent passengers from getting off and being run over before the conductor can collect the fare.

As the car neared Van Buren street the young man who had been leaning over the guard started to leave the car. He crowded past the man who blocked the passage to the steps, and in doing so accidentally trod on the old gentleman's toes. Everybody who saw the occurrence thought of course it hurt, but the old man never winced.

The younger passenger was in the very act of jumping off the car when a realization of his courtesy seemed to dawn upon him. He thereupon stepped back on the platform and, addressing the old gentleman, began a profuse and elaborate apology.

While this amiable honorable was being made the car had covered half a block of ground. The old gentleman listened to all the explanations the younger man had to offer. Then he said:

"Stopped on my foot, did you? Well, well, well! I wish I'd known it at the time! But it's all right, young man. You may walk on that foot all you want to. It's been a cork foot for a matter of a dozen years now. It's inconvenient sometimes, but thank Heaven, there are no corns on it!"—Chicago Tribune.

Potato Hash.
Slice thin a few cold boiled potatoes and an equal number of hard-boiled eggs (I think two or three to a small dish is enough); lay the bottom of your dish with small bread crumbs, then a layer of potatoes and eggs, seasoned with salt, pepper, onions and butter; add a little parsley and a cup of cream or milk; finish with bread crumbs, with pieces of butter on top. Put in the oven to brown. It takes about 20 minutes or half an hour. This is nice with fish or cold meats.—Philadelphia Press.

Wearing Flowers.
One of the very newest ways of wearing flowers is modeled on the distinguished feature of an officer's uniform. To have a broad, fragrant strip of blossom extending from one shoulder to the opposite side of the belt produces an effect that is quite military, and at the same time forms an exceedingly becoming arrangement for a striking evening gown.—St. Louis Republic.

Egg Biscuits.
One cup of cold water, the yolks of two eggs, 1 1/2 cups of seconds, fine graham meal, graham or white flour. Mingle the yolks thoroughly with the water, and mix the same as nut breads. Knead well, pound the dough, or pull to pieces, and knead again a number of times. Form into rolls, sticks or beaten biscuits, and bake in a moderate oven—Good Health.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICES.

Held Yesterday by Rev. F. C. Oberly at the English Lutheran Church—Other Church News.

At the First English Lutheran church Sunday evening confirmation services were held by the pastor, Rev. Frank C. Oberly. Twelve persons were admitted to the church. The attendance was large and the services were of an interesting nature. Those who were confirmed were George W. Meyer, Mattie Kresin, Ella Sether, Augusta Korsky, Grace and Arthur Simonowski, Lizzie Rother, Mrs. Ann J. Barnhart, Hannah Nase, David Peters. Three other persons, Will Smith, Charles Suessens and Lizzie Kaufman were admitted to the church by baptism. At the morning service Rev. Oberly preached a special sermon to the members of the confirmation class. He told the young people that when they were confirmed they made themselves responsible and urged them to live up to what they knew to be right. With those who were confirmed Sunday there has been a total of thirty-five persons who have been admitted to the English Lutheran church since Mr. Oberly was placed in charge as pastor which has been a little over a year ago.

The Presbytery.

Tomorrow Rev. W. H. Penhallegon will go to Springfield to attend the annual meeting of the Springfield presbytery which will be in session at that city this week. Mrs. M. W. Shultz, Mrs. R. G. Wells and Miss Carris Powers will represent the First Presbyterian church at the missionary meeting which will be held at the same time.

Passion Week Services

Passion week begins today and will be observed at a number of the churches. Services will be held at St. John's Episcopal church and also at All Angels' church. At St. Patrick's church special services will be held on Wednesday and Thursday and also on Good Friday. Rev. Oberly will hold services every evening this week. He will preach a series of sermons on the subject of "Christ's Passion." This evening his subject will be "Its Nature."

At Grace M. E. Church.

There were 238 persons in attendance at the Grace Mission Sunday school yesterday and 498 at Grace church school. The members of the Epworth League of Grace church will attend the First Methodist church tonight to visit the Endevour society.

On Friday evening Rev. E. B. Randt will lecture to the league on the subject of "Blunders." An admission of ten cents will be charged.

Next Saturday the ladies of Grace church will give a supper and sale in the vacant store room in the Haworth block east of Powers' shoe store.

At the Tabernacle.

Elder P. W. Humphrey conducted the communion and introductory services in the morning. Rev. Hall arrived on the 11:30 train from Winchester, just in time to preach one of the most impressive discourses he has ever delivered in this city, the subject being "The Heavenly Relationship." The audience was large, but the intense interest and quiet made the hour one long to be remembered. There were many weeping, and old members declared it to be the best service ever held in the building. There were several prominent additions to the church at the close of this service.

At 3 o'clock a splendid service for men only was held. Several hundred were present, among the number numerous business and professional men, and other leading citizens. This was Mr. Hall's fourth annual address to man only in this city, and many pronounced it his best. He talked on "Manhood." One of the candidates for mayor was present and heard Mr. Hall touch upon the political situation in no uncertain terms. He deplored the drawing of party lines in municipal elections, and averred that as long as good men refused to allow their names to be used as candidates the bum and thug element would rule.

At night the services opened with praise for the first 100 new members gained since the division of the old church last November. The big building was full, nearly every chair being occupied. The songs were of the rousing variety, and Mr. Hall's remarks were good natured.

He referred facetiously to the statements some of the preachers are said to have made, that anybody could draw a crowd—even the devil! Then why don't they do it? He said "the ministry was the grandest profession in the world, and preachers ought not to be envious, tricky, jealous, etc., but fair, square, frank and manly. It is perhaps true that fireworks draw a crowd, but that is not what draws the people to the tabernacle as the pastor of this church doesn't soft soap anybody, but says plainly and boldly what he thinks ought to be said."

There were six baptisms as the conclusion of the sermon on "Christian Baptism," and ten admissions to the church altogether during the day. The meetings will be continued throughout the week.

There will be a meeting for ladies only next Sunday, the special features of which will be a lecture on "Womanhood," singing by the ladies' quartet, beautiful platform decorations, including electrical fountain and pyramid of flowers, etc. Evangelist J. V. Combs of Indianapolis, one of the greatest revivalists of the Christian church, is expected to arrive Saturday, to assist in the work two or three weeks.

We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz.: Grovers, Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird, Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5 now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2½ to 5½, widths A, B, C. Bargains without end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8-dw

Mrs. Charles M. Lytle has gone to Haddonfield, N. J., in response to a telegram announcing the death of her father, W. T. Thomas at his home in that place on Saturday. Mr. Thomas was aged 72 years and had been ill for some time with typhoid fever.

Mrs. A. T. Grist returned from Zanesville, Ohio, where on April 8 she organized Bonner Camp No. 1 R. N. of A. with a good charter list while in Zanesville.

Mrs. Grist was the guest of Mrs. Anna Bell. Mrs. Grist has been very successful this year in organizing camps.

Big Glass Broken.

One of the large plate glass windows in the Linn & Scruggs store was broken sometime Sunday evening. It was discovered about 8 o'clock that a bullet struck the center of the glass. It is not known how it happened but it is supposed that the glass was broken by some malicious persons. The glass was 116x182 inches in dimensions and is of a size which must be made to order. The damage is covered by insurance with H. L. Oldham's agency in the Fidelity and Casualty company.

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Taken Suddenly Ill.

H. G. Boyer, proprietor of the Economy store, was taken suddenly ill at his store this forenoon and had to be conveyed to his home in a carriage. He is suffering from an attack of lumbago. At last accounts he was some better.

Death of a Child.

Eugene Edward, the 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fouke, died of bronchitis Sunday morning at 7 o'clock

at the family residence, No. 942 North Union street. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence. The services will be conducted by Rev. D. F. Howe and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

NEW BOARD OF TRADE.

Brown & Co., of Chicago, Located in the Fenton Block.

Brown & Co. are the proprietors of new board of trade rooms located in rooms 10 and 11 in the Fenton block. They will have a leased wire and will do business through the well known commission house of Price, McDonald & Co. of Chicago and New York. They will be open for business tomorrow morning and invite the public generally to call.

B. G. Brown and E. T. Loey are old operators in the business. Both were for two years connected with the Chicago board of trade and were then and have since been in close touch with all that pertains to the business of buying and selling grain.

SAW THE AIR SHIP.

It was Flying High and Going North Sunday Night.

The mysterious airship seen by so many people in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois recently, was seen Sunday night at 11:15 passing over Decatur northward, going at a rapid rate of speed. The one party who claims to have seen the machine is a bank clerk. He says it looked like two monster eagles with three bright headlights. The clerk asserts that he could not have been mistaken. He has been a doubt on the ship question, but now he is certain that the thing is a reality, and he is curious to learn all he can about the mystery that is puzzling millions of people.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. A. Pollock went to Chicago this morning.

—Attorney I. A. Buckingham is in Macon today.

—Miss Eva Hughey is visiting friends in Oakley.

—Mrs. W. A. Boettger is visiting relatives in Peoria.

—Mrs. George Rupert is confined to her home by illness.

—Mrs. J. L. Drake is visiting friends in Farmer City.

—Born—April 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lyon, a son.

—Mrs. Mary Leahy is ill at her home on East Orchard street.

—Sheriff J. P. Nicholson went to Argenta today on business trip.

—Mrs. A. N. Hill left this morning for Atlanta, Ill., where she will visit friends.

—Hon. W. G. Cochran of Sullivan, was in the city today on his way to Springfield.

—John A. Reeve, clerk of the Illinois house of representatives, left for Springfield this morning.

—Miss Margaret Kline, who has been in the city visiting Miss Laeta Spalding, left today for her home in Springfield.

—Superintendent Garrett of the Wash., arrived home this morning for a trip of inspection on the western end of the division.

—Walter McKune, who was in the city visiting his father, the chief clerk in the office of Superintendent Garrett, left today for his home in Chicago.

—Robert Spalding and T. D. Smith will leave tomorrow for Hannibal, Mo., where they will work for the Royal Court of Honor Insurance company.

—Mrs. Charles M. Lytle has gone to Haddonfield, N. J., in response to a tele-

gram announcing the death of her father, W. T. Thomas at his home in that place on Saturday. Mr. Thomas was aged 72 years and had been ill for some time with typhoid fever.

—Mrs. A. T. Grist returned from Zanes-

ville, Ohio, where on April 8 she orga-

nized Bonner Camp No. 1 R. N. of A. with

a good charter list while in Zanesville.

Mrs. Grist was the guest of Mrs. Anna

Bell. Mrs. Grist has been very success-

ful this year in organizing camps.

Big Glass Broken.

One of the large plate glass windows in the Linn & Scruggs store was broken sometime Sunday evening. It was dis-

covered about 8 o'clock that a bullet struck the center of the glass. It is not

known how it happened but it is supposed

that the glass was broken by some mal-

icious persons. The glass was 116x182

inches in dimensions and is of a size

which must be made to order. The dam-

age is covered by insurance with H. L.

Oldham's agency in the Fidelity and Cas-

ualty company.

We have now placed on sale the follow-

ing makes of ladies' shoes, viz.: Grovers,

Gardner & Estes Co., Cousins & Laird,

Schober & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$5

now offered at \$1.75; sizes from 2½ to

5½, widths A, B, C. Bargains without

end. H. W. Waggoner & Co.—8-dw

Taken Suddenly Ill.

H. G. Boyer, proprietor of the Econ-

omy store, was taken suddenly ill at his

store this forenoon and had to be conve-

ted to his home in a carriage. He is suf-

fering from an attack of lumbago. At last

accounts he was some better.

Death of a Child.

Webb C. Foster at 1075 North Water

street has on hand the best cuts of beef,

veal, pork and mutton, etc., and a fresh

and full line of all goods in his line.

He describes his meat as having a

fine flavor and a good texture.

Children's Tan.

Shoes, 8 to 10½, 96c a pair, in vicid

button at Powers' shoe store.—8-d&w

Stories of the Country

At Canaser resides a young man whose name is likely to go thundering down the ages as the synonym of something cruel and heartless in nature. This young man is a partner in a general store and his store is a measure calico for the young girls of the neighborhood, counts the eggs or weighs the butter brought in by the farmers. He is both child-like and blind. But for all this fair exterior, his heart is a mass of ice, as two ladies, residents of the town can testify. The particular story which has brought the young man into such unenviable notoriety occurred on the evening of April 1. This particular evening Mr. Chapman—the name has slipped out, went to his bachelor quarters. He found the outer door locked and thought this rather strange, until a feminine giggle sounding somewhat rough in the darkness caused him to run back to the door. He managed to reach the room running the gauntlet of clothes which had been cunningly disposed to trip unwary feet, and reached the room little the worse for wear. He noticed that the bed covering was somewhat disturbed but gave the matter little thought. He had doffed when a pronounced and vigorous snore smote on his ears. Here solved himself into a committee of investigation, and a moment later discovered the family dog cozily slumbering under the cover. This was not all. The animal was dressed in a nightcap belonging to one of the infantine inhabitants of the house, and its ears were snugly tucked away under a pronounced feminine night cap. A suppressed murmur of merriment floated up the stairway and Mr. Chapman was "on." All right girls," quoth our hero, "he laughs last," and pushing his bed fellow to one side was soon in the land of dreams. There was a great deal of subdued excitement among the resident females the next morning when he appeared at the breakfast table, but never by word or deed did he swerve from the even tenor of his way. And this is why the disappointed damsels vote Mr. Chapman, a hard hearted brute, incapable of understanding or appreciating the pleasures of the season.

Athens, April 18.—The facts as to the frontier situation are developing slowly for two reasons. First, snow, rains and bitterly cold winds retarded the campaign in the mountainous districts and internationally or otherwise all dispatches are being delayed, but if developments are slow the situation is none the less menacing. The open outbreak of hostilities or a breakdown by one or both countries cannot be much longer delayed. Here and at Constantinople are daily prolonged meetings, councils of ministers, and it is generally recognized that there must be a decided change soon. The Greek National League, or Ethniki Hetairia, are not a party to this attitude, as shown by its bold stand in Macedonia. In spite of all official denials nobody doubts that the Greek officials were fully aware of this movement which was not only prepared for but was freely discussed for a long time. It is as secret here that by the end of the present week at least ten thousand Greek "irregulars" will be in Macedonia, Albania and Epirus having been sent under pretense of maintaining the status quo. The Turkish minister at Athens has called the attention of the government to the departure of further "irregulars" into Macedonia, complaining that they were able to evade the Greek troops. The reply was: "Greece might make the same complaint as to the vigilance of the Turkish troops." The next important move will be from the Greek headquarters at Arta, where banks, stores, etc., are closing, making every possible preservation to get out of harm's way. Ethniki Hetairia has 2000 men there about to start, or already started, in six detachments, having separate destination, each to raise the flag of the Greek Cross in certain localities.

Greeks Ready for War.

A harassing rear Turkish force which is to be directed against the Greek regulars